

Standardized Proposed Interconnection Rule for Small Generators Fact Sheet
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The Purpose of FERC's Proposed Interconnection Rule for Small Generators

- Reduce overall cost of electricity to customers by encouraging the development of alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and distributed generation.
- Reduce the time and cost for generators to interconnect by developing special procedures appropriate for small generators.
- Expedite the development of new generation infrastructure.
- Facilitate the introduction of new technologies.
- Limit opportunities for transmission providers to favor their own generation.
- Preserve reliability and safety of the transmission provider's transmission system.

How FERC's Proposed Interconnection Rule Would Benefit Small Generators

- Having one set of standardized interconnection procedures and an agreement for small generators applicable throughout the nation should reduce their costs and time involved in interconnecting to the transmission system. This will reduce their financial risk.
- Super-Expedited, Expedited, and accelerated procedures facilitate rapid interconnection.
- The procedures for interconnecting small generators, which were developed with significant input from the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and the participating state regulators, may be a model for state utility regulators to follow where they oversee small generator interconnections. This would result in greater standardization and lower costs for innovative generating technologies such as renewable energy generators.

Applicability of FERC's Proposed Interconnection Rule for Small Generators

- FERC's proposed small Interconnection Rule for small generators applies to the interconnection of generators no larger than 20 megawatts in size with the approximately 176 investor-owned public utilities that own, control, or operate interstate transmission facilities.
- FERC's proposed Interconnection Rule for small generators would apply to all interconnections to facilities subject to a transmission provider's open access transmission tariff at the time an interconnection request is made.

Generator Interconnection Pricing

- The policies regarding who pays for interconnection costs is the same as in the Large Generator Interconnection Final Rule.

Development of FERC's proposed Interconnection Rule for Small Generators

- FERC's proposed Interconnection Rule for small generators evolved from a process in which a coalition of many stakeholders helped develop a draft proposed rule.
- 45 comments were filed with the Commission in response to the coalition's proposal.
- FERC's proposed Interconnection Rule for small generators was from the coalition document and the filed comments.
- Many of the features of the proposed Interconnection Rule for small generators are the same as those in the Large Generator Final Rule, where such features are suitable for both large and small generators.